efficiency and long length of service. The minimum has been given according to the Wage Board recommendation. No injustice has been done by the management.

Sri S. RAJAGOPAL.—On wich date this pay scale has been fixed and whether it has been implemented or not?

Sri KONDAJJI BASAPPA.—It was fixed on 1-11-60 and it has been implemented.

Sri SANJEEVANATH AIKALA.—What is the crushing capacity of this factory?

Sri KONDAJJI BASAPPA.—1,000 tons.

Irregularities in the affairs of the Maddur Marketing Co-operative Society.

*Q.—978. Sri S. M. KRISHNA (Maddur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether any irregularities have occurred in the affairs of the Maddur Marketing Co-operative Society;

(*b*) whether a Special Auditor has been appointed to go into the accounts and stock verification of the said Society;

(*c*) action, if any, taken by Government in this behalf?

A.—Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Minister for Co-operation and Development).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) The Chief Auditor has been asked to get the accounts audited and furnish a detailed report in the matter.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—It is conceded that irregularities have occurred in the affairs of the Maddur Marketing Co-operative Society. Would it be possible for the Government to say what are the irregularities that have occurred?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—The irregularities are, the President having used the lorry for attending meetings, etc. and the log book not properly kept. The second is approval of plans and estimates for the construction of the godown of the society was not obtained and thirdly as on 30-6-63 a balance of Rs. 2,000 and odd was outstanding against the petrol bunk owner who happens to be the son of the President of the society.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Is it not a fact that apart from these irregularities, huge sums of money are drawn by the President and used for his own purpose?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—That has not been proved.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—Has it not come to the notice of the Government that the society is housed in Maddur in a rented building paying a monthly rent of Rs. 250 for the past 11 years and that incidentally the building belongs to a Congress man?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—This much is a fact that the society is housed in a rented building. Actually, the society has taken on rent two or three buildings. The main difficulty is that the land obtained by the society for the purpose of building office and other necessary constructions has been encroached upon by some people and there is some difficulty in getting them evicted. Therefore, the society could not construct its own building.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲ ಸಾಲೆನ್ನ.—ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯ (ಎ)ಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ ಅವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅಕ್ರಮಗಳಾಗಿವೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಆದರೆ ಈ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಆಡಿಟರುಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಯವರು ಮೂರು ತಿಂಗಳಿಗೊಮ್ಮೆ ಎಲ್ಲ ಸೊಸೈಟಿಗಳಿಗೂ ಹೋಗಿ ತನಿಖೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಬರುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲವೇ? ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸರಕಾರ ಇಲ್ಲಿಯವರೆಗೂ ಏಕೆ ಯಾವ ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನೂ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಲಿಲ್ಲ?

ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಹೆಗ್ಗಡೆ.—ಆಡಿಟರುಗಳೆಲ್ಲ ಕೋ-ಆಪರೇಟೀವ್ ಸೊಸೈಟಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಳಿತು ಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಆಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗೂ ಗೊತ್ತಿರುವ ಹಾಗೆ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಕೋ-ಆಪರೇಟೀವ್ ಸೊಸೈಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಬೈಲಾಗಳಿವೆ. ಅದರಂತೆ ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕೊಂದು ಬಾರಿ ಆಡಿಟರ ಮೂಲಕ ತನಿಖೆ ಮಾಡಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಇದೆ. ಮೂರು ತಿಂಗಳಿಗೊಂದಾವರ್ತಿ ಚಿಕ್ಕ ಸೊಸೈಟಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಆಡಿಟು ಮಾಡುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ದೊಡ್ಡ ದೊಡ್ಡ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕನ್‌ಕರೆಂಟು ಆಡಿಟ್ಟು ಎಂದು ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸ್ವಾಧ್ಯವಿದೆ.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Is it not a fact that the departmental people and the auditors are experiencing difficulty in getting at the accounts because the President refuses to give the accounts or allow the Departmental people look into them?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—That is not correct; on the contrary, the accounts of this particular society have been audited every year.

Sri S. M KRISHNA.—Supplementary to (b): Can you give me the date on which the Chief Auditor was asked to get the accounts and also the progress made.

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—He was asked to get it on 6th July 1963.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—Has it not come to the notice of the Government that in this said society the entries in the cash book were not made for a number of months together constinuously?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—I cannot say that, but for some time there was no official Secretary working in the society because the previous incumbent was transferred and it took some time before a new officer was appointed. During this period the President himself was in charge of the society and it is possible that for some time the accounts may not have been completed.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—Have complaints been received from the auditors that certain account books have not been handed over to them by the President of the society?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—No, so far as I am aware.

Sri G. V. GOWDA.—When were the accounts adited last?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—Last year's accounts were audited in November 1962.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—Has it come to the notice of Government that at the recent annual general body meeting the auditors made a number of observations with reference to the accounts of the society?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—It is usual that during annual general body meetings observations made by the auditors are read out.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—If the President is refusing to hand over the books of accounts to the auditors, will Government arrange to take coercive steps to seize the books and make them available to the auditors to go on with their work?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—I am afraid it is a hypothetical question. In the first place I never said that the President has refused to hand over the account books. When a person required to hand over the account books of any co-operative society fails to do so, other measures are certainly taken.

Sri SANJEEVANATH AIKALA.—Will I be wrong in presuming that the President of the society belongs to the Congress Party?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is disallowed.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಆರ್. ಕೇಶವ ಮೂರ್ತಿ.—ಕೋ-ಆಪರೇಟಿವ್ ಸೊಸೈಟಿಗಳ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಆಡಿಟ್ ಮಾಡುವಾಗ ಅಪವ್ಯಯವಾಗಿರುವುದು ಕಂಡುಬಂದರೆ ಕೇಸು ಹಾಕದೆ ಹಣ ಕಟ್ಟಿಸಿ ಬಿಡುತ್ತಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಇಂಥ ಅಪರಾಧಗಳು ಜಾಸ್ತಿಯಾಗುತ್ತಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಅದನ್ನು ತಡೆಗಟ್ಟುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಏನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಿ?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—I do not agree with the Hon'ble Member. Whenever it is found and proved that any person has committed misappropriation or any serious irregularities, I can assure the Hon'ble Member that necessary action will be taken without fear or favour. I may also to inform the member that during the last year we have achieved remarkable progress in auditing of co-operative societies. I think it is 97 per cent.

Sri G. V. GOWDA.—Has there not been any instance that during the last 2 or 3 years prosecutions launched for misappropriation were withdrawn by Government in Mysore District?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—Does this form a supplementary question to this?

Sri G. V GOWDA.—Just now the Minister was pleased to say that Government will do all this impartially. So I want to know whether there are not instances of Government having withdrawn the prosecutions for misappropriations after they were launched?

Mr. SPEAKER.—'Will' does not mean the past or the present.

Number of Harijan Members in the Senates of the Karnatak and Mysore Universities.

*Q.—859. Smt. CHAMPABAI BHOGALE (Sankeshwar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

the number of Harijan Members in the Senates of the Karnatak and Mysore Universities?